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We give you better value for your money than any other cloak house.

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Knowledge of Fine Tailoring is a Natural Gift

It improves with experience and a careful study of the business. Our aim is the highest standard of excellence and taste in fabric, cut and finish, combined with low prices. That accounts for the extraordinary large business we are doing constantly. Our stock is always large with exclusive styles. Our special offerings for this season will interest intending purchasers. Look them over.

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Homemade mince meat. Sage, plain, cream, pineapple, Edam and Swiss cheese. Also McLaughlin's Imperial and Clubhouse Cheese.

Lettuce, radish, cucumbers, spinach, cauliflower, squash, white and yellow turnips, sweet potatoes, plum pudding, olives, olive oil, salad dressing, cranberries, nuts of all kinds, grapes, oranges, bonbons, grape fruit, pineapples, table, seedless, seeded and cooking raisins, citron, lemon and orange peel.

My coffee is the purest that can be procured.

M. V. N. Braman

12 STATE STREET.

Local News!

CADY CONFIDENCE

There Are Dollars in the Pockets of the Cady Men Ready to Be Bet.

DEBATES IN THE FACTORIES

Is the Workingman to Be Simply Used or Benefited? Cady Sentiment Growing. Large Registration. Estimate of the Winning Vote.

The political situation is growing brighter on that side of the Cady fence the Hamer men do not want the sun to shine on. The confidence in the Cady campaign, great from the first, is fast growing and not a few of the Hamer men admit it. The Hamer managers are preparing to go to a Congress in the conduct of their candidate's campaign that indicates desperation and will no doubt prove to be a boomerang.

Within the next ten days the people of this city will see the strangest sight, printed and heard the most peculiar rumors set afloat. The advice given by the worldly old fellow to his children will be followed by the Hamer men: "Get rich (elected) honestly if you can, but get rich." In the near future unless they are frightened from their plans by the havoc in their ranks that they are likely to cause, the Hamer managers will make the people very willing to accept the statement from Mr. Hamer that he is not soliciting help in his candidacy and that what is given him is given voluntarily. To believe that will help the people to have faith in Mr. Hamer. But wait till the end of the week and hear the stories.

In support of the statement that the Cady sentiment is growing stronger it may be said that there is considerable money in the pockets of the Cady friends waiting for the friends of Mr. Hamer, who have been boasting about their desire to bet before there was a candidate in the field against their man. If there is any of that Hamer money is sight it may walk into the Wilson and it will find \$100 waiting to knock it out. Down at the Richmond house the other day there was a Hamer man who said that he had \$100 to put against anything that a Cady man might bring about. But a Cady man heard of the bluff and called it.

When the Richmond was reached, the Hamer man had dusted. A little farther down State street there is some money that the Hamer "dead sure things" can get hold of. Two men are ready to place in the hands of Landlord Ryan two \$50 bills that the hero of Ward 1 will not be the next mayor. Of course they are foolish the Hamer men say, but there has not been a Hamer man found who is willing to make a hundred so easy. These sums will be sent in to suit purchasers and no one is obliged to carry off a whole hundred at once.

Reports from the large workingmen's vote are very favorable to the Cady candidacy. The light is beginning to break into the workingmen's camp and he is beginning to see through some of the methods that have been employed by the friends of the man who is headed by their emancipator. The workingman is not the fool or the follower of demagogues that a few of the Hamer satellites think he is. He recognized that while these satellites are "all honorable men" that they are indulging in queer practices and he reasons that if the ante-election methods are carried into post-election days and Hamer men have the floor that there will be a hot time in the old town and that he will be used as a matter to make heat not as one to be warmed. The idea that a lot of unreasonable sore heads are attempting to use the workingman's vote as a lever to political position is fast getting into the factory debates on the outcome of the election and the truth of it is making bad inroads into the Hamer ranks.

A meeting of some of the delegates to the Democratic city convention and some of those interested in the citizens' movement was held last night at the Wilson. The delegates showed the citizens some of the tickets that they propose to nominate and the names were those of strong men. One of the principal was the name of Charles F. Barren for assessor, Charles E. Whitney will probably be a candidate for the council from Ward 4. P. H. McMahon will be the candidate from the seventh ward.

The registration closed yesterday. It was the greatest in the history of the city. The number of names on the voters' list is now 3,515. It was 3,375 last year and the gain this year is 140. The number of ballots cast at the last municipal election was 2,625 and judging from this and the increased interest the number that will be cast this year will be about 2,900 or 3,000 ballots and it will of course take over half of those numbers to elect. The winning candidate for mayor this year will have to poll close to 1,500 votes.

Dickinson mentions some 14-carat "boies" gold watches at \$20. Here's a Christmas hint.

Irish frieze ulsters at Cutting's, ready to give battle to North wind and snow.

Holiday novelties in plenty at Fountain's.

*Calman's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

*Hot waffles, piping hot with maple syrup, at Hofsford's. Day and night.

Local News!

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Finest Ever Held in This Section. Numerous Entries and Fine Birds.

The North Adams Poultry and Pst Stock association opened in Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday evening the most successful poultry show that has ever been held in this city. The entries in the show amount to nearly 1100 and the management had to refuse almost 100 on account of the finest fowls that have ever been seen in this section. Good judges say that the show has never been surpassed at a point nearer than New York city. It will continue until Saturday evening, and the public have an opportunity to call and see the excellent collection of birds. The admission fee is only 25 cents. The judges of the show are Messrs. Zimmerman of Johnston, N. Y., and Weed of Lee, The association has worked hard to provide a surpassing show and it has accomplished its aim.

Two Special Cars

Quite a number from this city will attend the 10th annual ball of Company M at Adams Friday evening. Superintendent Neary has decided to run a special electric car at 1 o'clock. There will also be one at 2:30 o'clock. The ball will end at 2 o'clock Saturday morning but as there were a number from here who wished to arrive home early the first car will be run for their accommodation. It will leave at 1 o'clock sharp.

Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the woman's relief corps was held at the Grand Army hall Wednesday night. These officers were elected: President, Emma Billings; senior vice-president, Louisa Oakes; junior vice-president, Harriet Lee; treasurer, Viva Hicks; delegates, Louisa Oakes and Viva Hicks; chaplain, Harriet Eaton; guard, Emma Sanders; alternate delegate, Annie Snyder and Angie Card.

Challenge Accepted.

We, the Blackinton Junior football team, wish to accept the challenge issued on Wednesday's TRANSCRIPT by the Twisters of Blackinton and will meet them on the Blackinton grounds Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and administer to them the worst trimming they ever received. We don't want their money or marbles, but want the game and will have it, so, Twisters, show up or shut up. Signed, JOHN RAINEY.

Pleasant Party.

A necktie party was held at the home of John Schreiber at 173 East Main street Wednesday evening in honor of the birth day of Miss Kate O'Neill. Whist, dancing and many other amusements were participated in. The party broke up about midnight after a very pleasant evening was spent.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Broderick and Miss Nellie Spendiff are visiting friends in Housick Falls, N. Y. Miss Nora O'Mara and Miss Anna Stanton have returned from Housick Falls, N. Y., where they had been visiting friends.

Mr. Johnson of Mattapoisett is the guest of F. L. Burnham, supervisor of drawing in the public schools.

Rev. G. W. Brown will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church in Fort Plain, N. Y., Sunday. He was formerly pastor of that place. His son, Rev. F. T. Brown, will occupy the local Methodist church pulpit.

Miss Bertha Mitchell of Braeowell avenue is the guest of friends in Springfield.

Victor Noel is visiting friends in Albany, N. Y.

BLACKINTON.

P. J. Mahoney is under the care of Dr. Gale in suffering from an severe attack of the grip.

The Salvation Army entered Blackinton last evening and held a very enthusiastic rally in Blackinton church.

Dr. William Galvin was called to the mill Wednesday afternoon to attend Arthur Rowlands whom he found suffering from a dislocated knee cap, received in a fall.

In a recent publication of a North Adams paper reference was made to the Blackinton Hall fund, and for information it should be said that the money is on deposit in a North Adams bank, held on trust for the Ladies' Aid society of Blackinton by Mrs. Melinda Richards, treasurer of the above organization. The interest each year is increasing the fund and at the proper time the money will be used, but at the present the amount is not sufficient to undertake the erection of a building.

James R. Chippendale, who was nominated for school committee at the Republican caucus Tuesday evening has had charge of the Blackinton and Greylock union schools for the past two years, and to Mr. Chippendale's credit be it said, that he has made a very efficient school committee, and with Mr. Pritchard and O. A. Archer should be re-elected as a vindication of the excellent service he has rendered the schools.

*Coughs, colds, pneumonia and fevers may be prevented by keeping the blood pure and the system toned up with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

*Calman's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

By Telegraph

DINGLEY'S VIEWS.

Quite Probable That Cuba Will be Recognized by Congress.

Lowiston, Me., Dec. 2.—Congressman Dingley left for Washington today. In an interview he said the appropriation bills would be taken up first, then bankruptcy legislation and currency questions. He believes the Hawaii treaty will either be promptly ratified by the senate or an annexation resolution passed. A strong pressure for some kind of action may compel congress to pass a belligerency resolution in the Cuban matter. He believes the American people are in sympathy with insurgents.

Yale Will Row Cornell.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 2.—The Yale authorities today rendered it possible to state categorically that Old Eli will measure blades with the champion Cornellians sometime next June. Briefly put, Yale is out for a race with Cornell and a contest is so far assured as to be lacking only in details which will be agreed upon later.

Bruce for Register.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The president today appointed Blanche K. Bruce of Mississippi to be register of the treasury. Mr. Bruce represented Mississippi in the senate in the reconstruction days and is one of the best known negro Republicans in the country. The position to which he is appointed is one he held some years ago.

Death Sentence Fixed.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—In the superior court here today Judge Sherman sentenced Lorenzo Barnes to be hanged on March 4, 1898, for the murder of John Deane, a farmer of Maynard, whom Barnes killed last December. The prisoner received the sentence very coolly.

McKinley's Mother Stricken.

Canton, O., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, the mother of the president, was stricken with paralysis this morning and it is feared will die within a few hours.

Off the Wires Today.

A special from Shanghai says the emperor of China has declared he would rather lose his crown than agree to conditions demanded by Germany as to redress for the murder of two German missionaries.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Prague today as a result of the rioting there and elsewhere, growing out of the animosity of the Slavs and Czechs against the Germans. Rioting was resumed at 5 o'clock this morning when stores and houses in two streets of the old town were pillaged. Seven battalions of infantry and two squadrons of cavalry were called out to disperse the mob.

Local News!

School Report.

Following is the financial report of Blackinton Union school district for the term ending Dec. 2, 1897:

Enrollment.			
North Adams 116,	Greylock 93,	Williamstown 97—308.	
Total expenses apportioned to each town:			
Salaries,	1321 20	418 81	902 39
Expenses,	603 87	191 42	412 45
Repairs,	233 21	80 84	172 37
Books, supplies,	72 89	23 11	49 78
Rent from hall	\$231 17	\$714 18	\$1536 99
	11 50	3 05	7 95
	\$228 67	\$710 53	\$1529 14
			\$710 53
Williamstown share \$710 53			\$2239 57

North Adams committee, JAMES R. CHIPPENDALE, Per. M. W. THOMAS.

Greatest in the World.

Banda Roma from San Severo, Italy, now touring this country will be at Columbia opera house tonight and the appearance of the band here is a musical event that has not been equalled in the history of the city, the music festivals not excepted. And besides it may be many years before the appearance of this band will be equalled. The band has not been long enough in this country to be generally known or to have formed a reputation that extends throughout the United States. But these facts do not alter the other and greater fact that the band is perhaps the greatest in the world, certainly admitted to be greater than any band in the United States. The best critics have said so and there has been no one to dispute the claim.

Dinner to Business Men.

W. N. Potter of Greenfield, who is completing the large grain elevator on Morris street, this city, gave a dinner at the Wilson today to about 25 guests, who were mostly local business men. Mr. Potter wishes to get acquainted with the men whom he will soon come into business contact with.

BOHEMIAN RIOTERS.

Streets of Prague Occupied by Infantry and Hussars.

ANTI-GERMAN FEELING STRONG.

Soldiers and Police Assailed and Houses Set on Fire.

Prague, Dec. 2.—There were fresh disturbances here yesterday. The houses occupied by Germans were bombarded with stones and a howling mob had to be dispersed by infantry and cavalry. The university buildings are threatened by the rioters and have to be protected by large bodies of police. Troops have been drafted to Kudenstadt, owing to a mob threatening to run riot there.

During the afternoon the rioters increased. The synagogue windows were smashed, as were the windows of the houses of Jews displaying German trans signs in several streets of the Jewish quarter. In the evening the streets were held by 12 battalions of infantry and a squadron of hussars. All traffic was suspended and the shops and business houses were closed.

In spite of the military a large Czech mob made a descent during the evening upon the German quarter and plundered houses and shops in several streets. The furniture of a German cafe was piled up in the street and set on fire. When a detachment of troops approached to disperse the rioters the soldiers were greeted with showers of stones, broken glass and other missiles. The officer in command ordered his troops to prepare to fire, but at the urgent request of a police official the order was not carried into effect.

Shortly after 9 o'clock a mob attempted to storm a cartridge factory at Zizkow, a suburb of Prague on the other side of the Moldau. The troops stationed at the factory poured a volley into the crowd. It is known that at least two persons were killed outright, and it is feared that others were killed and wounded. The same body of rioters set fire to another house, but the flames were soon quenched. In various other parts of the city and suburbs windows were smashed and German signboards demolished. It is said that the mob was incited by articles in the Czech newspapers and by a false report that the German students had organized an attack upon the Czech national theater.

At a late hour the crowds made repeated rushes and attempts to storm the German newspaper offices; but by 11 o'clock the town was quiet and the troops had been withdrawn except patrols at the threatened points.

In Smichow, the southwest suburb of Prague and a thickly populated industrial quarter, a mob attacked and plundered the German national school. The rioters fired shots at the police detachment which arrived on the scene to disperse them, whereupon the command officer drew his revolver and fired at one of the ringleaders, the bullet piercing his arm. He then arrested the man, and the result of this energetic action was the dispersal of the mob without further difficulty.

The German gymnasium in the center of the city was plundered by a mob, which was finally dispersed by a charge of soldiers and police.

Besides resenting the German jubiliations and illuminations on clubs and beer halls over the fall of Count Badeni, the Czech population was still further incited by the speech of the Czech burgomaster delivered Monday night to the town council.

Two special sufferers from the riots are Baron Von Aehrenthal, a representative of the German landowners in the reichsrath, and Count Von Salm. The former's palace is on the Wenzels-Platz. The mob smashed the windows and tore out the window frames in the ground floor. Similar outrages were committed at Count Von Salm's palace, which is the editorial office of the German paper, Bohemia. The Aehrenthal palace was boarded up, but the rioters soon removed the planks and threw large stones into the luxuriously furnished rooms, smashing valuable objects of art and costly furniture.

Damage to the amount of many thousands of florins has been done to German firms, clubs and other institutions having German proprietors or patrons. The constant cry of the rioters was, "Down with the Germans!" "Down with the Jews!" Ladies venturing on the street were obliged to wear the Slav tri-color in order to avoid being attacked. German signboards are being hastily removed by their owners and replaced with Czech inscriptions. Nobody dares to utter a word in German.

Thousands of Czechish miners streamed into Prague last evening from the surrounding villages to assist the rioters. The scientific instruments in the German university and a high school have been destroyed and valuable archives preserved for a long time at the Kinsky palace, the largest in the Altstadt, have been burned. The Kinsky palace was plundered of its furniture, which was thrown through the windows, heaped in the street and set on fire, the mob preventing the fire brigades from approaching.

The authorities, concluding that the situation had become critical, decided to declare Prague under martial law. It is said that the rioters were organized by a secret society animated by hatred of Germans and Jews. Shortly before midnight there were fresh disorders, two shops were broken open and pillaged. The military patrol was dispersed by the plunderers. Disorders are reported in various other suburbs. At Weinberg the rioters sprinkled a shop with petroleum and set it on fire. At Lieben 21 armed rioters were arrested. Another gang plundered a liquor saloon, and shortly afterward the patrol found 20 lying drunk in the streets.

LOCAL NEWS

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A Cold Wave

is promised from the west. It travels fast, but no need to be caught shivering.

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Warm Ulsters

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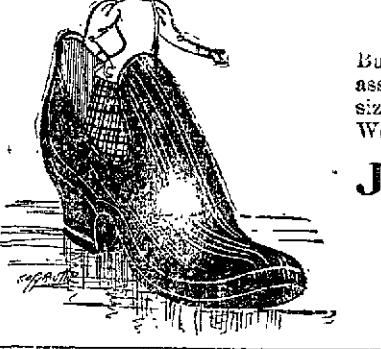
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- Lap Tablets, Masks, Ink Stands, Box Papers, Photo Albums, Match Safes, Fountain Pens, Paper Knives, Juvenile Books, Fire Works, Society Stationery, Willow Baskets, Cameras, Pocket Kodak, Photo Supplies, Kodet, Bull's Eye.

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AT ADAMS TODAY

Col. Frye Spoke Interestingly.

The Young Men's club of the Congregational church inaugurated a series of lectures and formally opened their classrooms for the winter season. There was a good attendance. A number of members of the Young Men's club at St. Mark's church were present and Company M attended in a body.

The lecture was delivered by Col. James A. Frye of Boston. Col. Frye is a member of the governor's council, is assistant inspector general of rifle practice and secretary of the National Society for Coast Defense. His subject, "The Science of Coast Defense" was handled in a manner which revealed a perfect knowledge of the problem. It was interesting and highly instructive. There was not one present but knew a great deal more about Uncle Sam's ability to cope with an attacking force at the close of the lecture than he did an hour before.

From 7.30 until 8.00 a reception was tendered to Col. Frye in the club rooms which had been handsomely decorated with American flags for the occasion. A flag also adorned the lecture platform.

The lecture was delivered in the auditorium. The Congregational male quartette favored with vocal selections. Attorney William Morton, president of the club, presided and introduced the speakers.

The difference between coast and harbor defense, said the speaker was not generally understood. Coast defense may be divided into two classes: a. Coast defense—the navy's province. b. Harbor defense—for the army and fixed works.

Col. Frye gave the history of defenses and compared the conditions in the revolution with the present time. He also traced the gradual growth and progress. During the past eight years, of the monies appropriated by the government 43 cents out of every dollar was for pensions; eight cents out of every dollar for the army; five cents out of every dollar for the navy; five cents out of every dollar to improve rivers and harbors; and only four mills out of every dollar to provide guns, mortars, fortifications, torpedoes and auxiliaries that are required to guard this country from foreign aggression.

There was very little progress had been made in providing the country with adequate coast defenses is because Americans time out of mind have believed that the time to prepare for war is when war comes; that the navy alone can defend the coast and harbors; that torpedoes dropped casually into the water will keep off hostile fleets; and even if all these things fall millions of Americans will rise up to sweep the foe from the earth.

Colonel Frye demonstrated that in case of war the navy would be unable to defend the coasts and harbors of the country. Hence it was the duty of every man to do all that he could to secure a better system of fortifications.

Johns Wednesday morning was brought the police station that evening. He was in a precarious condition and there is nothing sure about his recovery. He is reported to die and his utterances at the police station Wednesday night were those of a very hopeless man. He wants to die and says there is nothing for him to live for. He made his will and leaves all his personal property which includes \$500 life insurance to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howland for whom he worked.

Death Claims Paid.

Supt. P. J. Stanton of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company has paid the following death claims: Mrs. Maria Tuiley in the life of her mother, Mrs. Mary Mc. Nulty \$140, Mrs. Agnes Litzberger on the life of her husband, John Litzberger \$2.

Has Been Postponed.

The final games in the pool tournament between the North Adams and the Col. Adams clubs have been postponed until a week from tonight on account of the death of Mr. Cady who was a member of the former club.

Scalded Her Hand.

Mrs. Ann Daley of Park street met with a painful accident Wednesday afternoon. She was boiling a ham and in removing it from the pot in which it was boiling, some of the hot water splattered on her left hand and scalded it quite badly.

K. of G. Notes.

Quite a number of the members of the local council will attend the working of the third degree of the Knights of Columbus at Greenfield December 17. At next Tuesday evening's meeting of the local council an election of officers will be held.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett of Rutherford. Victor Pascoe was in New York on business this week.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Congregation house Friday afternoon.

A meeting of the St. Jean Baptiste society will be held this evening.

Miss Kate Shea of Cheeshire visited friends here Wednesday.

Miss Carroll of Worcester is the guest of local friends.

Mrs. F. Andler of Pittsfield is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Tower, of Hoosac street.

R. N. Richmond is in Boston on business.

Thomas Hughes of Bowen's Corners has been on the sick list.

The regular devotions of the League of the Sacred Heart will be held at St. Thomas' church Friday evening.

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To Williamstown Readers.

Beginning Monday, THE TRANSFER will be delivered from house to house on Main street and adjoining streets, above Spring street as far as the West Main street bridge. Orders may be given the carrier, William Becker, who is also authorized to make collections at the regular rates, as follows: 12 cents a week, 30 cents a month.

F. J. Barber of North Adams is making a few improvements on his block on Spring street.

Victor Noel is away on a business trip to Albany, Holyoke and Springfield. He will be gone several days and will probably go to New Haven before returning to visit Henry Baron.

John S. Critchley has resigned his position as gardener for J. M. Ide and left the town Wednesday for his home in England. His place will be taken by William Iverson, who was gardener for N. H. Sablin last summer.

The auction sale of real estate belonging to the estate of the late P. R. Cole was postponed Tuesday by A. E. Hall, the administrator, to Tuesday, December 14, when it will take place in the office of Judge Tenney.

Charles Smith is preparing to put steam heat into his house in Riverside, and his will be the first house in that part of the town to be thus heated. Locke Bros. have the contract.

J. W. Lawrence is on the sick list and under the care of a physician.

A. M. Stevens is driving a handsome new Concord buggy which he bought of B. F. Bridges.

B. F. Bridges says there is a good deal of inquiry about sleighs and he expects a good sale when snow comes.

Miss Bailey, a teacher in the high school, is confined to the house by sickness.

C. N. Prouty, Jr., of Spencer has left college to enter Harvard university. He was a member of the class of 1900.

Martin Lilly is driving a stylish bay road horse which came from Red Rock, N. Y. Mr. Lilly traded for the animal, which is much admired by local horsemen.

Mrs. Skellie returned Wednesday from Colorado, where she has been for some time attending to business matters.

C. M. Smith has assumed his duties as treasurer of the savings bank.

Mrs. John A. Torrey has returned from a pleasant 10 days' visit to New York and Somerville, N. J. At the latter place she visited Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Galusha, formerly of this town, who are keeping a house there for the accommodation of summer boarders and winter pleasure parties. There was a large party there during Mrs. Torrey's visit and she had an opportunity to meet a good number of Somerville people, whom she found very sociable and cordial. She says Mr. and Mrs. Galusha are very pleasantly situated and doing a good business.

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The two operettas "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Three Kittens" will be repeated Saturday evening, December 3, at the opera house. Admission 15 and 10 cents.

SOMERSET.

The big rain last Friday night swept away part of William Tudor's mill dam. Joe Laflamme has purchased a fine span of horses of E. Tudor.

We understand a stone dam will be built another summer.

The snow has all gone.

Three men from Adams were in town looking for work in the camp last week. A doctor from Bennington is stopping at Mr. Bates' for a few days.

B. M. Leonard will bale his hay this week.

John McHenry has gone to Bennington to work on the railroad.

Frank Beall and wife from Bennington has moved to town and will remain for some time.

The river was higher last Saturday morning than it has been for two years.

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Whiskey,	Pure Rye Whiskey,	3.00	
Cider Brandy,	French White Brandy,	2.00	
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NOTICE.

The Commissioner of Public Works will hold regular meetings at the City Hall on Monday and Friday afternoons at 5 o'clock.

JAS. E. HAYDEN, Com. of Public Works

Broke Through the Ice.

James R. Pickett of this town, had a narrow escape while fishing through the ice at Chebire reservoir Wednesday. He was with a couple of companions cutting holes in the ice when he broke through and went down into the cold water. As he came up his head broke through the ice a short distance from the place he went down, and in trying to get out the ice broke about him and he was unable to get out. One of his companions thoughtfully placed a board over the ice and in this way he got out. It was a narrow escape from drowning, and Mr. Pickett, who is an enthusiastic fisherman, will not care to encounter the same experience again this winter.

A Good Record.

Principal T. K. McAllister of No. 8 Commercial street, states that for the past 12 week there has not been a boy in his town absent, tardy, or dismissed. This is truly a remarkable record and one seldom heard of. The tendency for boys is to try and skip school once in a while at least, and many times they try to be tardy. The boys in this grade are all studious and they are deserving of credit for their excellent attendance. Girls in the class have been absent and are unable to claim such a record. If there are any other schools which have such good attendance we would be pleased to give them mention.

A Pleasant Party.

A number of friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metcalf on Summer street Wednesday evening and enjoyed a pleasant evening. The party was in honor of Miss Metcalf who had just purchased a new piano. During the evening vocal and instrumental selections were rendered by Charles Caslow, William Thomas and others. A bountiful supper was served and a general good time was had.

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While Fred Roether was unloading some ten-weeks old pigs Tuesday and preparing to put them in a barn near Charles Fowler's place on East Main street one of them got away. Several fellows gave chase, but the pig beat them to the river, into which he plunged and swam to an island, where he was safe from his pursuers. He was left there, and it is said he has been off the island once and returned to it. It looks as though a boating expedition would have to be organized for that Mr. Roether in his game of pork will be minus one "rooter."

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Successful Entertainment—Classes to Reorganize—To Study Music in Boston—A Pig Takes to Water—Much for Fifty Cents—Higginbottom Wants to Run.

The old folks' concert which was given at the Congregation church Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. was a very successful and enjoyable affair. There was a good attendance and the program of old-fashioned selections was admirably rendered by a chorus of about 35 voices under the direction of Mrs. Seelye. The college tenors assisted and the chorus was one of the best that has been heard in this town in a long time. The singers were appropriately costumed and their appearance and work were very pleasing. Applause was frequent and encores were not uncommon. All present greatly enjoyed the entertainment and the society under whose auspices it was given is to be congratulated on the success of its efforts, while the singers are entitled to much credit for their faithful and effective work. They were given a good supper at the close of the entertainment.

Classes to Reorganize.

The young men's classes which were conducted at St. John's parish house last winter will be reorganized after the holidays, and probably on a somewhat more elaborate scale than before. It is expected that a regular organization will be formed and officers elected. Various subjects were studied, the general character of the work being similar to that done in North Adams under the auspices of the Men's Students Evening club, and a number of students were among the instructors. The work was projected by Rev. Theodore Sedgwick and was of much value to the young men who composed the classes.

Higginbottom Wants to Run.

James Higginbottom, who some years ago was famous locally as a long distance runner, has been heard from again. He is now living with C. H. Barber in Pownall, Vt. He met George B. Waterman a day or two ago and wanted him to arrange for a run of 20 miles to be made in the opera house in this town. Higginbottom is now about 50 years old, but still feels equal to track work. His grit is good, but whether the exhibition will be arranged for cannot now be stated. Higginbottom once ran from Pittsfield to this town in very good time and at that time he considered himself the champion long-distance runner in this part of the country.

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A Ten Cent Piece with Every Even Dollar's Worth of Goods.

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The Jeweler and Optician. Wilson House Block.

THE BROWN HEARING.

Will Take a Week to Present One Side of the Case.

The case of the L. L. Brown paper company against L. L. Brown was resumed Wednesday morning before John A. Aiken as auditor, and all the counsel were present. Since the hearing last year, a new bill of particulars has been filed and allowed, whereby the amount in issue is not so large as before, and now aggregates about \$500,000. Expert Accountant Buss of Boston was the first and only witness called, and he has been making an examination of the books since last fall at various times. The plan now adopted simplifies the matter, so that it is thought the testimony for the plaintiff can be put in this week. A number of the disputed items were explained by testimony from the books, and several exceptions were taken by the defendant. In the new bill of particulars the matter of discount on notes is eliminated, so that much of the matter in dispute is out of the case. The hearing will be held from 10.30 each morning until 4.45 p. m., as most of the parties have to go to Adams and this city.

To Assist the Minstrels.

The following members of the Blackington Glee club will take part in the Barb Wire minstrel performance to be given in Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday evening, December 7, under the auspices of Oneco lodge, I. O. O. F. They will be assisted by Jake Clemen of Williams college, James P. Jones and Arthur Terry of this city: First tenors, Dick Davies, Will Mumford, Will Howells, Jake Clemen; second tenors, Di Mumford, Will Phillips, John Chapman, Tom Thomas, Clem Jones; first basses, Richard Howells, John Edwards, Frank Jones, Arthur Terry; second basses, John Phillips, Hubert Rudman, Tom Williams, Marilee Phillips; musical director, Harry Garlang.

The Star Gazer.

"Joe" Ott, "Phil" Ott, "Matt" Ott, Tim Cronin, Alf. Hampton, W. A. Tesson, "Tom" Flannie, John St. George, Wm. Eastie, Misses Louise Montrose, Addie Grey, Alice Bonner and the three Rosebud sisters, make up the personnel of the company that will present here Saturday evening at the Columbia that ever we come combination of absurdities known favorably as "The Star Gazer." There was never anything slow about "Joe" Ott. He is a natural born comedian, and in "The Star Gazer" the author has furnished the talented actor with a vehicle that gives him ample scope.

District Court.

The cases in court this morning were as follows:

Frank Shanks, Jeremiah Crowley and Thomas white, drunkenness, fined \$5 each.

Louis Laflamme, stubborn child, continued Saturday morning.

John Crumm, drunkenness, placed on three months' probation.

James Donnelly, vagrancy, filed away.

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WOODFORD.

Who Did the Shooting.

Another hearing has been held to see if corroborative evidence can be obtained as to who shot John Harbour. The Bennington Reformer points strongly to Frank Smith as the guilty man, while others have their opinion. Most of the family of the departed one do not think that Smith did the shooting. Frank is a very natural appearing fellow if that could be on his mind. He is now an employe in the Will Bowles lumber camp. It is now said and on pretty good grounds, too, that two prominent Bennington young men whose names never have figured in the case, were adjacent to the deer camp on Glasenburgh mountain that memorable night of September 30, 1897, and who were back at their homes in Bennington the next morning, saying that they had had all the hunting they wanted. It is also known that two other fellows from out of town put up their horse in Bennington and went on that mountain, also, but who did not stay to try a shot at the deer on October 1. To be sure, Smith and Robinson wended their way several miles through the dark forest that night, which act the Reformer maintains shows guilt, but when it is recalled that both these men testified at the first hearing that the reason they did that was because where they intended to pitch their camp was occupied, and coupling this with the fact that Smith was well acquainted with the mountains and had as he traveled a couple of hours by lantern light, it gives the idea in our mind that from this alone, Smith is the man who accidentally shot John Harbour.

WHITE OAKS.

Mrs. A. C. Lee is sick with typhoid fever.

Rev. Salem D. Towne from Bangor, Me., is spending a few days with his family.

Seventy-five persons attended the roll call meeting of the Christian Endeavor society on Sunday evening. Joseph Well-spoken was the leader.

Seven of the pupils from the upper grade of the Broad Brook school are detained at home this week on account of the mumps.

Two young men of White Oaks have organized a Reading club and will gather in one of the rooms of the chapel on Tuesday evenings. Papers, books and games of various kinds will help to pass the time pleasantly and profitably.

The Women's Working association propose to give a red, white and blue entertainment at the church Thursday evening, December 8. A very interesting program is promised with readings, recitations, music, tableaux and the usual excellent refreshments. A special feature will be a gymnastic drill by a class of girls. The association are also about to publish a book of original and tested cooking recipes. Any contributions in that line from persons living in this vicinity will be gladly received by Mrs. G. V. Stryker or Mrs. Arthur Moody. They should be sent in this week to insure publication.

MONROE BRIDGE.

J. M. Ramage and Mrs. B. G. Forsythe spent Thanksgiving in Holyoke.

Miss Blanche Watson closed her school in this place Tuesday and returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Williams returned to her home in Readsboro Monday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Goldthwaite.

Miss Bertha Goldthwaite returned to Readsboro with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Monday.

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The Trading Stamp Scheme.

[From the Hartford Courant.]

The merchants of New Haven and Norwich are up in arms over the "trading stamp" scheme. The New Haven retail merchants' association will hold a meeting tonight, to see how to get rid of this trouble, and in Norwich the newspapers are publishing vigorous attacks on the same method.

A "trading company" of outsiders has set up headquarters at each of these towns. Certain merchants are persuaded to render a discount to customers of five per cent for cash, giving the customers not the cash but the "trading coupons" for that amount, which are accepted at the "trading company's" store in payment for articles there.

Five dollars' worth of trading stamps, for instance, secure an article held at \$5 at the trading store. But presumably that store is not run for love. The managers are not in for their health. They have to get their profit and pay their rent buy their gift goods, pay for light, heat and clerk hire, etc. It is an interesting question how much of that \$5 of discount is really secured by the customer who thinks he has got it.

The reasonable demand is set up that the merchant should offer 5 per cent discount for cash, direct to his customers and not roundabout to maintain a sub-company's shop.

A New Haven lawyer claims that the whole arrangement is illegal. He cites this law:

Every person who shall sell any personal property and shall offer to the purchaser an interest in other property to be ascertained by lot or hazard, or any article of value or any interest therein, as a present or gratuity, the quality, kind or value of which shall be unknown to the purchaser at the time of sale, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than three months, or both. He holds that the stamps are of value not known to the purchaser. Other lawyers question this, but it is intimated that some of the merchants who signed contracts with the trading company say they regret it and were frightened into signing, through fear some rival might do it; and that these merchants will decline to stay in the scheme, on the ground that it is illegal. Then the company can sue them to enforce the contract and the courts can pass on its legality.

Counted the Votes.

The county commissioners Wednesday received notice of the appeal from their award in the cases of Oliver S. Hutchinson and Clara S. Curtis in the Mill brook cases. The commissioners counted the vote for county officers at the November election with this result:

Register of deeds, northern Berkshire—Henry B. Burdick, 1,548; E. E. Marchant, 672; Arthur W. Safford, 1,646; blank, 134.

Register of deeds, middle district—Henry M. Pitt, 4,218; E. S. Rogers, 256; blank, 843.

Register of deeds, southern district—Malcolm Douglass, 879; Charles E. German, 893; John C. Now, 21; O. C. Bidwell, 1; blank, 41.

Treasurer—George H. Tucker, 8,851; John H. Smith, 742; blank, 1,380.

County commissioners—W. C. Dazell, 6,318; Anson Buck, 8,898; Thomas A. Frisell, 822; blank, 664.

Among the Merchants

E. Vadnais shows a full and complete line of horse goods for cold weather—blankets, fur robes, sleigh bells, etc.

Gifts of use are becoming more the thing each Christmas. A table for the library or parlor is an eminently sensible present and there is a good variety of them to select from at J. H. Cody's.

Some smart French walking coats have had their prices put down for the New York Cloak and Suit Co.'s mark-down sale.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—A special meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held this evening. A full attendance is expected.

—The funeral of Mrs. Charles Stewart will be attended from St. John's church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Tebbetts officiating.

—N. B. Baker of Savoy went to Boston Wednesday night to attend today a meeting of the state board of agricultural societies. Mr. Baker is a member of the state board for three years.

—The funeral of Henry A. Cody will be attended from the house on Church street Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. F. A. Taylor, pastor of the Universalist church.

—The friends of L. F. Amidon of Ward 1, say he could easily have been nominated and elected to the city council to fill Mr. Hamer's unexpired term but he could not be prevailed upon to take the office and A. A. Lee was consequently named.

—Registration closed Wednesday night. There are on the voter's list 3,672 names, while the registration at the last presidential election was 3,250. The number of voters has increased during the year, of course, and this registration looks as though most of them were intending to make their mark at the coming municipal election. It is predicted that over 3000 votes will be cast.

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